

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A camouflaged syringe arrangement comprising:

a syringe cartridge containing a medicinal fluid;

a needle coupled to the syringe cartridge to communicate fluidically with the syringe cartridge;

5 a syringe holder for holding the syringe cartridge and the needle such that the needle is normally hidden in the syringe holder, and

a plunger slidably mounted for movement into and out of the syringe holder, the plunger being engagable with the syringe cartridge to force the medicinal fluid from the syringe cartridge through the needle and push the needle out of the

10 syringe holder for administering an injection to a patient,

the syringe holder and the plunger cooperating together to define a toy adapted to be handled by the patient without the syringe holder and the needle installed in the syringe holder.

2. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the syringe holder includes means for selectively delivering a stream of pressurized fluid to the patient.

3. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the syringe cartridge has a rectangular cross section such that when the syringe cartridge is placed on a flat surface, the syringe cartridge will not roll.

4. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the syringe holder includes a locking device for locking the plunger in various positions relative to the syringe holder.

5. The syringe holder of claim 1, wherein the syringe holder includes a cavity for receiving the syringe cartridge.

6. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the syringe holder includes a window for viewing the medicinal fluid in the syringe cartridge.

7. The syringe arrangement of claim 5, wherein the syringe holder has a forward end and a rearward end, the forward end being formed with an opening for receiving the needle and a chamber interposed between the opening and the cavity such that there is communication from the cavity through the chamber and the opening, the
5 rearward end being formed with a channel in communication with the cavity for receiving the plunger.

8. The syringe arrangement of claim 7, including a spring positioned in the chamber, the spring having one end engagable with an end wall of a chamber and a second end joined to a syringe cartridge stop engagable with the syringe cartridge.

9. The syringe arrangement of claim 2, wherein the means for delivering a stream of pressurized fluid includes a duct having one end adapted to be connected to a source of pressurized fluid and a second end forming a pair of outlets in the syringe holder.

10. The syringe arrangement of claim 9, wherein the rearward end of the syringe holder is provided with a finger rest having structure for receiving a coupling connected to the source of pressurized fluid.

11. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the plunger includes a thumb rest.

12. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the syringe holder takes the form of a fish body.

13. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the plunger takes the form of a fish tail.

14. The syringe arrangement of claim 1, wherein the needle is retractable.

15. A method of providing a camouflaged syringe arrangement for reducing needle phobia, the method comprising the steps of:

supplying a syringe cartridge containing a medicinal fluid;

supplying a needle to be coupled to the syringe cartridge;

5 supplying a syringe holder for holding the syringe cartridge in the needle;

supplying a plunger which is slidably mounted with respect to the syringe holder and engagable with the syringe cartridge to force the medicinal fluid from the syringe cartridge through the needle for administering an injection to a patient;

designing the syringe holder and the plunger in the form of a plaything;

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presenting the syringe holder and plunger without the syringe cartridge and the needle to the patient for his or her amusement in advance of administering the injection.

16. In a syringe arrangement having a syringe holder for holding a syringe cartridge in which fluid medication is stored and a needle coupled to the syringe cartridge to communicate fluidically with the syringe cartridge, and a plunger slidably

mounted with respect to the syringe holder for engagement with the syringe cartridge to
5 expel the medication from the syringe cartridge through the needle for administering an
injection to a patient, the improvement wherein:

the syringe holder and the plunger take the form of a toy which is adapted
to be handled by a patient without the syringe cartridge and the needle, and which
camouflages the syringe cartridge and the needle in the syringe holder immediately prior
10 to the administration of an injection to the patient.